Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1,

6-8, 11, 15, 19, 23, and 27.

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as

being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter

which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has advised that it is

incorrect for Applicant to define R in claim 9 at lines 7-8 "as hydroxyl group in R-NH2

and the structure is HO-RNH2." Additionally, the Examiner has advised that Applicant's

provision in line 1 of claim 10 that "wherein said anhydride or lactone is select from the

group consisting of maleic anhydride" cannot be understood "since lactone has different

structure with anhydride and the maleic anhydride does not belong to the lactone, as now

claimed."

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 9 to refer to "R" in "R-NH2" as an

ethanol. Applicant has amended claim 10 to refer to the anhydride without alternative

reference to the lactone. That is, Applicant has deleted reference to "lactone" in claim

10.

The Examiner has additionally noted that in the Specification as now amended, on

page 15, lines 17-19, "Me is an alkali metal" should be deleted. Accordingly, Applicant

has amended the Specification by deleting "Me is an alkali metal" on page 15.

All of the pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and

the Examiner is respectfully requested to move the application to issue.

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